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MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2016

A meeting of the Higher Education Commission's Executive Committee was held at the University System of New Hampshire, 5 Chenell Drive, Suite 301, Concord, New Hampshire at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. The following members were present:

Todd Leach, Chair  
Michele Perkins, Vice Chair (via telephone)  
Steve Appleby (via telephone)  
Sr. Paula Marie Buley (via telephone)  
John Curran (via telephone)  
Scott Kalicki (via telephone)  
David Mahoney

The following additional Commission members participated via telephone:

Donald Birx  
Michael Diffily  
Paul LeBlanc

Also, one member of the public, Richard Gustafson, was present at the meeting.

- 1) Chair Leach called the meeting to order and a roll call was taken
- 2) Mr. Curran moved, seconded by Mr. Mahoney, to approve the Teach Out and Program Articulation Plan (copy attached) between Southern New Hampshire University, Daniel Webster College and ITT Educational Services, Inc. Consideration of this motion was with the understanding that Daniel Webster College would relinquish its New England Association of Schools & Colleges (NEASC) accreditation effective August 31, 2017. The NEASC would continue Daniel Webster College's accreditation until then for the sole purpose of allowing current students who complete their degree requirements by August 31, 2017 to receive a Daniel Webster College degree. The Higher Education Commission approval to continue operations would be contingent upon the same stipulation through August 31, 2017. Discussion followed with the following changes/clarifications:

- (a) The second paragraph of the Teach-Out and Program Articulation Agreement and Exhibit A would be removed as the U.S. Department of Education felt it only provided background information not material to the substance of the transition plan for students, faculty. This slightly revised version is the document under consideration by the Commission.
- (b) Item 1(K) on Page 2 addressed student transcripts. It was clarified that Southern New Hampshire University would organize and scan all transcripts from Daniel Webster College's inception in 1967, and forward both hard and electronic copies to the Higher Education Commission as the repository.
- (c) The Division of Higher Education agreed to post a statement on its website briefly explaining the transition plan and the opportunity for all Daniel Webster College students to pursue their academic careers at Southern New Hampshire University and possibly other NH colleges and universities if that was the desire of the student.

After discussion and review of the above points and questions focused on ensuring Daniel Webster College students will soon regain access to federal financial aid and be able to continue their current degree programs, the Executive Committee unanimously approved the following motion: MOVED, To approve the Teach Out and Program Articulation Plan between Southern New Hampshire University, Daniel Webster College and ITT Educational Services, Inc.

Several members of the Higher Education Commission expressed appreciation for the efforts of Daniel Webster College President Michael Diffily and Southern New Hampshire University President Paul LeBlanc for their extraordinary efforts to protect Daniel Webster College students and reach an agreement on a plan. The US Department of Education and the NEASC will be promptly notified of the Commission decision, hopefully triggering release of federal funds by the end of the week.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.